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2002, in connection with the above application. Please enter the following amendments:

In the claims:

For the convenience of the Examiner, all claims being examined, whether or not amended, are presented below.

18. (Amended) A method of producing a population of at least ten cells, wherein at least 30% of the cells are multipotent stem cells substantially purified from epithelial tissue of a postnatal mammal, or progeny of said multipotent stem cells, wherein said multipotent stem cells are self renewing, form non-adherent clusters, express nestin, and can differentiate into neuronal and mesodermal cell types, said method comprising the steps of:

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